

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 16 as follows:

By half-bottle shape we mean shapes such as those of a typical Bordeaux or Burgundy wine bottle ~~silhouette,~~ silhouette, halved along its central longitudinal axis. In essence, the bottle has a body, which narrows in a shoulder into a thin neck.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 23 as follows:

By half-bottle shape we mean the shape of a typical Bordeaux wine bottle ~~silhouette,~~ silhouette, halved along its central longitudinal axis. The term 'half-bottle shape' as applied to the embodiment of Figs. 8 and 9 therefore defines a short horizontal portion (6a) set substantially perpendicular to a longer vertical median portion (12), with the vertical median portion extending into a curved portion which terminates in a straight line set substantially parallel with the vertical median portion, that lies along the axis of a perpendicular line 4 at the other end of the horizontal portion.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 1 as follows:

The intermediate connecting member 7a has one end 3a connected to the shaft 2 and the other end 6a connecting with the table engaging members 5 and median vertical portion 12 between them. One end 3a is curved away from ~~the axial bore~~ shaft axis 4 and is formed continuously with the median portion ~~12a,~~ 12 which is substantially straight and parallel to ~~the axial bore~~ shaft axis 4. The other end 6a of the intermediate member 7a is perpendicular to the vertical median portion 12 and ~~the axial bore~~ shaft axis 4.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 30 as follows:

Thus, axial movement of the spindle 16, by rotation of the table engaging member 5 about ~~the axial bore~~ shaft axis 4 causes compression of the spring 15. When the flat end 17 of the spindle 16 comes into contact with the flat surface 18 of the shaft body of the axial bolt 13, the relative position of the table engaging member 5 and the intermediate member 7, 7a is locked into place. Further rotation of table engaging member 5 about ~~the axial bore~~ shaft axis 4 allows the process to be reversed. This feature prevents the intermediate table engaging member 7a slipping from its desired position during play and striking adjacent balls, (Fig. 6).

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 6 as follows:

While the table and cue engaging members and the intermediate connecting member have been described as being of brass material, they may be of any other suitable material, for example, other metals, alloys, plastics material or the like. In one embodiment, the intermediate connecting member is bendable.